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Inclusion of the Settibalija community among Backward classes.

* 927 Q.—Sri S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received from Rayalaseema for the inclusion of the Settibalija community of Rayalaseema in the Backward Classes list; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government consider that pending the general revision of the list of Backward Classes with reference to the recommendations of the Backward Classes Commission, no action is called for in the matter."

Sri S. NARAYANAPPA :—" Sir, the Rangaraju community in Markapur division in Kurnool had been included in the list of Backward Classes recently two months back considering their backwardness in society. But the Settibalija community which is as backward as the other community, in Anantapur district who have been agitating since a long time have so far not been classified as backward. May I know the reason for the same, Sir?"

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is difference of opinion as to whether this community is backward or not in the districts. That is why the Government thought that it would be better to leave the issue to be decided by the Backward Classes Commission."

Bridge over the Mambram river, Kottayam taluk.

* 928 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation from the public of Mambram (Kottayam taluk) regarding the construction of a bridge over the Mambram river; and, if so, whether any decisions have been taken; and, if so, what they are?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Government have not received any representation. The President, District Board, Malabar, has received a representation from the President, Pathiryad Panchayat, in this regard. He has called for a report from the Divisional Engineer (Highways), Kozhikode."

Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that this bridge when completed would serve a very useful purpose, connecting the remote recesses of Kottayam and Chirakkal taluks will the Government expedite the construction of the same immediately?"

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The question will be considered, Sir."